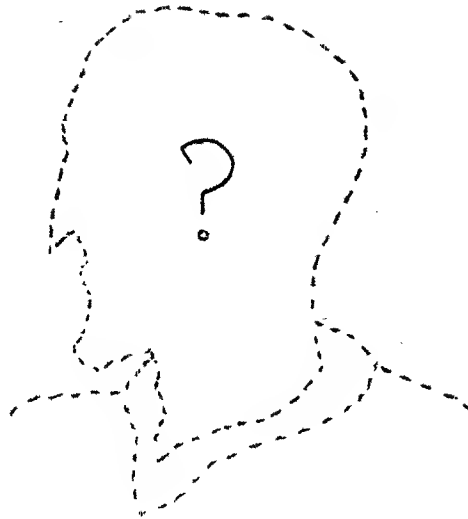


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TZUDI KER VANISHES

DENVER (DWE) The disappearance of Roland Tzudiker, noted gamesmas and prominent tax expert, has caused great dismay across the country. Police are at a loss to explain the absense of the IRS official since no motive can be found. Tzudiker and his ward, the Empress Sarah F. Allen, were first noticed to be missing some weeks ago, and a concerted search by Denver police and the FBI has failed to turn them up.

Police confessed they were mystified by the numerous maps of Europe scattered about Tzudiker's penthouse apartment, as well as the letters from an unbelievable number of high European governmental officials, some reported dead more than 50 years ago. For further details, see page six.

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Send moves to YOUNGSTOWN (if they come on the deadline date in
Louisville, I won't get them).

sTab, the product of one harried diplomacy player and the bane of
several dozen, is produced once (and that's enough, believe me!)
every three weeks by John Koning. Subscriptions are at the rate of
10 issues for \$1.00, and trades with all other Diplomacy journals
are desired.

This issue is, once more, rather abbreviated. Perhaps next time I
will be able to let it get out of hand again.

The roster section, this issue, is limited to numbering new games,
as well as a group of "variant" games from 1968. There will be
more new games in the next issue, as well as a large list of changes
and a number of completed game listings.

Re the "variants": The symbol "#" was first used by Charles
Wells to designate variant games which had somehow gotten a number.
I also use it to designate games which I consider variants... i.e.,
those whose rules somehow place them far enough outside the "main-
stream" of postal Diplomacy to preclude my considering them "regu-
lar" games. However, I am certainly not the arbiter of what is
and what is not acceptable in postal Diplomacy. I am only the clerk
who keeps track of games and game numbers. Since a number of people
consider all the games I have listed as normal, I assign them num-
bers for their convenience -- be they rating list buffs, or merely
players and gamesmasters looking for a handy label for the games
they play in and/or run. The prefixed symbol, #, however, points
out that I consider them variants. Each editor/player/rating list
compiler must make his own evaluation.

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NEW GAMES- - - - - ? ?

1968CP - Costoguana #8 - Conrad
von Metzke ((Feb))

E - Norman McLeod

F - Larry Fong

G - Margaret Gemignani

I - Robert Kinney

A - Stefan H. Beecher

R - Edi Birsan

T - Russell Boggs

#1968CQ - The Parisian Review - Robert Foster (Res W03) ((May))
The Voice - Jeff Key

((uses the Key Rule; Gamesmaster also a player))

E - William Bartels
F - Bob Foster
G - Eric Just, Jr.
I - David Montgomery
A - Sidney M. Witt
R - Jeff Key
T - Dave Goldman

#1968CR - Nemedian Chronicles #1
Gerhard Graebner

E - Chris Gerrard
F - Dean Jones
G - Jim McGrave (dro FO1)
I - _____ Finlay (out FO4)
I - Leonard Johnson ("18th Avalon
Jr. Diplomacy Club -- Junior
Drips")
A - Barbara Graebner & Louise
Henry
R - John Quesnel
T - Norr Zinkhan

((both '68CR & CS are local games
with a published bulletin))

#1968CS - Nemedian Chronicles #2
Gerhard Graebner

E - Terry Cameron & John Keil
F - Keith Morphy
G - Brian Krislock
I - Peter Gerrard
A - Frank Provost
R - Brent Lane
T - John Quesnel

#1968CT - Nicolet Diplomacy Bul-
letin - Rich Rubin

((chronicles of a local game
played 2 moves a week in a high
school... same for '68CU below))

E - Rich Rubin
F - S. Palay
G - C. Lange
I - D. Rittmayer
A - T. Malanowski
R - M. Hasey
T - B. Chapman

#1968CU - Nicolet Diplomacy Bul-
letin - Rich Rubin

E - P. Roverfeld
F - K. Johnson
G - D. Kaiser
I - H. Miller
A - M. Rudolph
R - S. Kirschner
T - H. Bernstein

1969F - Broddingnag ABA - Eduard
Halle ((January))

E - Dick Reiter
F - Charles Welsh
G - Norm Zinkhan
I - Randy Bytwerk
A - Mike Mellott
R - Doug Beyerlein
T - George Schelz, Jr.

1969G - Erehwon (The Gamesmasters'
Game) - Rod Walker ((Feb))

E - Charles Wells
F - Mike Childers
G - David R. Lindsay
I - Dan Evans
A - Charles Welsh
R - David Johnston
T - Rob Perkins

1969H - Half 'n' Half - David R.
Lindsay ((February))

E - David Johnston
F - George Patton
G - Steve Hurlburt
I - Dick Reiter
A - Norman McLeod
R - Larry St. Cyr, Jr.
T - Peter Ansoff

1969I - La Guerre LRJ - Ray
Stokel ((February))

E - Pat Casey
F - Brenton Ver Ploeg
G - Margaret Gemignani
I - Greg Warden
A - Larry St. Cyr, Jr.
R - Dick Reiter
T - Buddy Tretick

I would like to give my deepest
thanks to Rod Walker, who has
provided most of the information
on variant games on this page,
and much of the material to appear
in future issues.

1969J - La Guerre LRK - Ray
Stokely ((February))

E - Edi Birsan
F - Buddy Tretick
G - Ed Halle
I - John Koning
A - Conrad von Metzke
R - David May
T - Terry Kuch

Hopefully, next issue we can clean up the odds and ends of regular and variant games awaiting numbers, and get on to the changes and newly completed games. Perhaps a separate magazine for such material would be the answer?

STab #III

"Winter 1910"

28 February 1969

By an oversight, I neglected to credit Russia with possession of Holland in STab 60. The supply center chart following the "Fall 1910" moves should appear as follows:

TURKEY: ~~Ai~~, Tun, Rom, Nap ((3)) No change

FRANCE: Par, Mar, ~~B~~X, Spa, ~~N~~X, Por, Bre, Lvp, Edi, Lon ((8))
No change

GERMANY: ~~Z~~X ((OUT)) Remove Army Yorkshire

RUSSIA: Mos, War, Sev, StP, Swe, Rum, Bud, Ank, Con, Nwy, Vie, Ser,
Ber, Mun, Tri, Kie, Bul, Den, Smy, Ven, Gre, Bel, Hol
((23)) Build FOUR

LARRY PEERY

RUSSIA: Build Fleet St. Petersburg (nc), Fleet Sevastapol,
Army Moscow, Army Warsaw

As Larry Peery's Russia now has 23 centers and 23 pieces on the board, he has satisfied the conditions of victory in STab three-man games. He thus becomes the first single country player to win such a 3-3-1 game. A summary and supply center chart, as well as final press releases and player comments will appear next issue.

STab #V

Interim

28 February 1969

Derek Nelson, off on a jaunt to Florida, requested that the moves in this game be delayed 3 weeks until he has returned to chilly Toronto and has had time to consider his strategy. The deadline is postponed three weeks.

DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1907" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 1969

TRANTOR

#87/SVG #87

"Spring 1915, Game III"

28 February 1969

DEADLOCKED FRONT BREAKS WIDE OPEN

AUSTRIAN LINE CRACKS AT TRIESTE

((moves on page 5))

ENGLAND: F WMed-hold; A Bel-Ruh; A Bur (S) A Bel-Ruh; A Hol (S)
(Pournelle) A Bel-Ruh; F Bal (S) GERMAN A Kie; A StP (S) F Both-
Lvnh; F Both-Lvnh; F Nwy (S) A StP; F Eng-Nth

GERMANY: No moves received. A Kie, A Ruh-stand
(Latimer)

ITALY: A Pie-Tyr; A Ven-Tri; A Tus-Ven; F Adr (S) A Ven-Tri;
(Clark) F Alb (S) A Ven-Tri; F Ion-Gre; F Nap-Ion; F Apu (S)
F Nap-Ion

AUSTRIA: F EMed-Ion; F Aeg (S) F EMed-Ion; F Gre (S) F Tri-Alb;
(Smythe) F Tri-Alb; A Boh (S) A Tyr; A Tyr (S) A Vie-Tri; A Vie-
Tri; A Lvn (S) A Pru; A Mos (S) A Lvn; A War (S) A Lvn;
A Pru (S) A Ber; A Sil (S) A Mun; A Ber (S) A Mun;
A Mun (S) GERMAN A Kie

Underlined moves do not succeed. The German Army Ruhr is annihilated. The Austrian Fleet Trieste is annihilated.

DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1915" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 1969

Jerry Pournelle may still be reached at his address in California.
My apologies for creating a mystery about his whereabouts.

----- "Fall 1906, Game IV" -----

E N G L I S H S M A S H I T A L I A N N A V Y

TZUDIKER GETS SMYTHE... AT LAST

NOTE: The Russian retreat in the last issue was from Moscow to
Ukraine, not Moscow to Rumania.

ENGLAND: F Iri-Nat; F Nwg (S) F Iri-Nat; F Eng-Mid; F Nth-Edi;
(Beyerlein) A Yor-Lvp; A Fin-Nwy; A StP (S) GERMAN A Mos

GERMANY: F Bal-Den; A Kie-Ber; A Mun-Ber; F Bel-Pic; A Bre-Gas;
(Smythe) A Par-Bur

ITALY: A Cly-Edi; F Nat-Iri; F Mid (S) F Nat-Iri; F Spa(sc) (S)
(Prosnitz) F Mid; A Mar-Bur; A Tyr (S) AUSTRIAN A Boh-Mun; F Ion
(S) AUSTRIAN F Alb-Gre

AUSTRIA: F Alb-Gre; A Gre-Ser; A Bud-Gal; A Gal-Sil; A Boh-Mun;
(Tzudiker) A Sil-Ber

RUSSIA: A War-hold; A Ukr (S) A War
(Ward)

TURKEY: A Bul-Rum; A Sev (S) A Bul-Rum; F Bla (S) A Bul-Rum;
(Kuch) F Aeg-Bul(sc); F EMed-Aeg

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Italian Fleet North Atlantic is annihilated. The German Army Munich is retreated to the Ruhr, the

only open adjacent province not open due to a standoff. The German player has until the "Winter 1906" deadline to exercise his option to remove rather than retreat. (This would permit him to build in Berlin.)

DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1906" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 1969

BUILDS :

ENGLAND: Lon, Lvp, Edi, Nwy, StP, Den, Swe. ((7)) No change
GERMANY: Ber, Kie, ~~Mun~~, Hol, Bel, Par, Bre, Mun ((7)) No change
ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Mar, Por, Spa ((7)) Build ONE
AUSTRIA: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Gre, ~~War~~, Mun ((6)) No change
RUSSIA: ~~Mos~~, ~~Kym~~, War ((1)) Remove ONE
TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy, Sev, Bul, Rum ((6)) Build ONE

NOTE Roland Tzudiker announces his resignation as of "Winter 1906", and the total collapse of his interest in Diplomacy. As this is a formal resignation, I will secure a replacement for him. The replacement will be announced along with the "Winter 1906" orders.

VIENNA Bent in frame and weary in body, the Empress Sarah F. Allen died today. While her physical prowess had failed her, her mind remained clear to the end. She confided from her death bed that at last the disappointment of fruitlessly awaiting the dawning of a new era of Englishtenment upon the earth was too much for her, and that she trusted that she passed on to a world better in every respect than this one.

She will be mourned by many, including those of whose jokes she was often the butt.

LONDON Prime Minister Tasman Marshall Olmes officially asked the Italian Government to remove the Italian Army from British soil. "We were at first joyful to have tourists back in the British Isles," stated P.M. T.M. Olmes, "but when they scavenge the countryside in search of blueberries -- enough is enough." The P.M. then ordered the British Navy to escort them back to Italy.

CONSTANTINOPLE Reports reached here today that the Russians are so terrified of Kaiser Smythe they retreated all the way from Moscow to Rumania!

MOSCOW (FINK News) How long can this go on? That is the question in the underground sewer headquarters of the Russian government, still hiding from the English and German troops now occupying the city. The Tsar has fled to Warsaw, but a student resistance is forming, encouraging factionousness among the allied troops in the city.

GENEVA (DWE) Encouraging factiousness?



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Game 1968AD

"Fall 1903, Game IV"

28 February 1969

T U R K S M A K E O N L Y G A I N

AUSTRIANS SLAUGHTERED IN RUMANIA

Summer 1903: French Fleet English Channel retreats to Brest
Russian Army Rumania retreats to Sevastapol

ENGLAND: A Bel-Pic; A Yor-Bre; F Nth (C) A Yor-Bre; F Eng (C)
(Thomson) A Yor-Bre; F Mid (S) A Yor-Bre

FRANCE: F Bre-hold; A Pic-Par; A Mar (S) A Spa; A Spa (S) A Mar
(Naus)

GERMANY: A Bur-Mar; A Mun-Bur; A Kie-Ber; F Hol-Kie; F Den-hold
(Beyerlein)

ITALY: A Boh-Gal; A Pie (S) GERMAN A Bur-Mar; F Ion-Gre;
(Greene) F Tun-Ton

AUSTRIA: No moved received. A's Rum, Bud, Ser, Vie-stand
(Cochran)

RUSSIA: A War-Ukr; A Gal-Bud; A Sev-Rum; F Bla (S) A Sev-Rum;
(Nelson) A Mos-hold; F Nwy (S) F Swe; F Swe (S) F Nwy

TURKEY: F Aeg (S) A Gre; F EMed-Ion (as an exercise... in futili-
(Clark) ty); A Bul-Ser; A Gre (S) A Bul-Ser; F Alb-Tri (unable
to resist temptation, later to rue as leisure... most
fleets row)

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian Army Rumania is an-
nihilated. The French Fleet Brest is retreated to Gascony. The
French Player has until the "Winter 1903" deadline to exercise his
option to remove rather than retreat.

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BUILDS:

ENGLAND: Lon, Lvp, Edi, Bel, ~~Spa~~, Bre ((5)) No change

FRANCE: Par, Mar, ~~Br~~, Por, Spa ((4)) No change

GERMANY: Ber, Mun, Kie, Hol, Den ((5)) No change

ITALY: Rom, Ven, Nap, Tun ((4)) No change

AUSTRIA: Vic, Bud, ~~T~~, Ser ((3)) No change

RUSSIA: Mos, War, StP, Sev, Rum, Swe, Nwy ((7)) No change

TURKEY: Con, Ank, Smy, Bul, Gre, Tri ((6)) Build ONE

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ISTANBUL (13 August 1903) The Grand Porte declares that Rumaria shall be avenged!

ORTHANC 60

Game 1968AE

"Spring 1903, Game L"

28 February 1969

LAST AUSTRIAN FORCE ELIMINATED
ENGLISH SUSTAIN HEAVY LOSSES

ENGLAND: No moves received. F's Bar, Nth; A's Len, Nwy-stand (Davidson)

FRANCE: F Iri-Lvp; F Mid-Eng; F Eng-Lon; A War (S) F Eng-Lon; (Halle) A Bel-hold; A Bur-Ruh

GERMANY: F Bal-Den; F Swe (S) F Bal-Den; A Hol-Ruh; F Kie-Hol; (Lebling) A Sil-Mun; A Pru-Sil

ITALY: A Tri-Ser; A Nap-Gre; F Ion (C) A Nap-Gre; F EMed-Smy; (Francis) A Bud (S) A Tri-Ser; A Vie-Gal; A Ven-Tyr

AUSTRIA: No move received. A Ser-stand (Swenson)

RUSSIA: F Bla-Ank; A Bul-Con; F Smy (S) A Bul-Cen; A Sev-Rum; (Walker) A War-hold; A Mos (S) A War; F StP(nc)-Nwy; F Ska (S) F StP-Nwy

TURKEY: No moves received. F Aeg, A Con-stand (Tzudiker)

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian Army Serbia, and the English Armies Norway and London are all annihilated. Now, that solves a lot of retreat problems. Although Roland Tzudiker has resigned (see Tranter IV) it does not seem worth getting a replacement to oversee the destruction of Turkey this Fall, even if such a foolhardy one could be found. Ken Davidson has resumed control (?) of England... his address is below.

DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1903" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 1969

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VERSAILLES The tenseness of the past Winter has melted away as word arrived that the First Fleet under Admiral Weiser had occupied the city of Liverpool and that Marines had begun to

extend control over the remainder of the district. No organized resistance exists yet in any of the occupied areas. However, it was learned that the English Second Army has made a forced march to make an attempt at defending London. Reports from our observation balloons indicate that the English have moved all industry and governmental functions to the North. It is apparent that a stiff battle is in the offing for London. It is hoped that assistance from the Russian fleet will be forthcoming.

LIEGE Heightened preparations for defense have been in effect the past several weeks as the defenders of Leige await the expected advance of the Germans from Holland. Should this attack materialize, it is doubtful if the fortress can be held, as it was extensively damaged in the assault in August 1901.

PETROGRAD (13 January 1903) The Imperial Government today reported that the infamous John Koning, extradited last week by the United States, had recanted his heinous crimes and was, as previously stated, locked in a room with John Smythe, a pot of tea, and a single bottle of beer.

"Well, Mr. Smythe," said John (his close friends all call him "Mr. Smythe."), "I have to go potty."

"This is not National City, John."

"I know. I really must, you know, Mr. Smythe."

"I fell for that trick once, John." In a flash, Mr. Smythe dashed for the beer. In the scuffle that followed, the pot of tea was overturned and Mr. Smythe got the beer, consequently consuming every drop. So all John Koning got was John Smythe, who proceeded to lecture him on his sins for three solid days, without stopping. In the end, Koning was anxious to repent even sins he hadn't committed. But, alas, there were none. Thus endeth the sad tale of the notorious Mr. Koning. Imprisoned forever in a Siberian salt mine -- or perhaps a treacle well, nobody knows for sure -- he will never be heard from again.

SIBERIA (DWE) That's what you think, buster!

PETROGRAD (15 January 1903) Lest anyone doubt earlier reports of the utter destruction of Berlin and Munich by Russian Imperial Horror Weapons, please note that the sole German build was in Kiel. Be on the lookout for our next group of second-generation Horror weapons -- millions of tons of (gasp) Press Releases...

YAROSLAVL (Eeben Press) 22 Jan, 1903 Horror! Horror! Word has come from terrified refugees that Moscow has been wiped out by a 500 megaton potato, of unknown provenance. Tsar Boris and Lukretsyia are presumed dead, but, knowing Rednetzky Walkoff, informed observers believe they will be resurrected no matter what.

In the midst of confusion, that "certain worm" has seized control of the government. It is rumored that he will seek admission to the Inter-Continuum League for the Protection of Harassed Russian Monarchs.

KIEV (24 Jan. 1903 -- E.P.) Tsar Daniel expressed satisfaction over the change of regime but disclaimed responsibility for the 500 megaton potato. "We believe it to be the work of certain forces lurking in the Free State of Triinsula." Now if you will excuse Us... If Not-P equals Not-Q, then...

BIATA PODLASKA (25 Jan. 1903 -- E.P.) Orven Deal, currently sought by fifteen distinct police forces and Simpletons for a Deranged Society, told reporters "If Boris ever turns up again, he should remember we have a lot up our sleeves besides potatoes." When asked "Who are 'we'?", he replied "That is for me to know and you to find out."

CARRICKFERGUS (28 Jan. 1903 - E.P.) The Sinister International Alfgar walked out of his house, shouted "Che spiegar puo il mio cordoglio?" and walked back in again.

PETROGRAD (1 February 1903) Dear Sarah F. Allen, baby: If you wish to conduct negotiations with Us, please have the courtesy to write directly. We do not do business on the basis of bulletin-board pronouncements published in miscellaneous pulp journals. Besides, with any luck at all, your misery will be over by this Fall. As for Austria-Hungary, We have recognized paramount Italian interests therein. You, dearest Sultana, are all Ours. P.S. -- Is it true that a Greek ancestress of yours was once raped by Zeus in the guise of a giant garter snake?

/s/ Boris II, Tsar of All the Russias and Then Some, King of Rumania, Tsar of Bulgaria, Basileos of Byzantium, King of Poland, Protector of Scandinavia, Scourge of the Infidel, Supreme Head of the Russian, Bulgarian, and Greek Orthodox Churches, Khan of Kazan, Hetman of the Ukraine, Grand Duke of Moscow, Grand Duke of Vladimir, Prince of Kiev, Khan of the Crimea, Suzerain of the Holy Land, King of Jerusalem (isn't everybody?), Duke of Livonia, etc, etc, and All That.

((I can see confessing your sins and errors, but to brag about them...))

MISSIF:

WILLIAM LINDEN, 83-33 Austin St., Kew Gardens, N.Y. 11415

I am incensed by Conrad's suggestion that the House of Kamehameha would adopt the motto "In Dole we trust," whereas the House of Kamehameha was overthrown in a pseudo-revolution concocted by and for Sanford Ballard Dole's pineapple interests. It is my firm opinion that if Satan vs. Jabel Stone were being tried at the present day, Sanford Ballard Dole would be foreman of the jury. Where did Conrad learn history?

While I am on the subject, I must point out that the House of Kamehameha is not in the least "The only legitimate legitimate true royal house ever to exist in America." In the first place, Hawaii is not in America. If Polynesia is part of America, then so is Australia. In the second place, how does Conrad characterize the

House of Hanover, the Spanish Hapsburgs, and the House of Romanov as illegitimate? But even if we confine ourselves to royal houses originating in the Americas (which do not include Hawaii) the only way in which the House of Kamehameha can be considered more "legitimate" than the House of Iturbide or the House of Christophe is that Kamehameha succeeded, whereas Iturbide and Christophe did not. (The violent succession of William I, Henry IV, Henry VII, and the displacement of the House of Stuart do not seem to make anyone regard the English kings as less "legitimate," for legitimacy, a heretical opinion no true monarchist would hold.) Although by such reasoning, the House of Kamehameha is no longer legitimate, since it was overthrown like the Iturbides and the Christophes.

ROD WALKER, 1575-A White Dr., Rantoul, Ill. 61866. If it is amazing how an individual who is not a member of the organization can speak so authoritatively about the position of the Augustan Society. As a matter of fact, far from "pushing constantly for a monarchy in Merica," the Augustan Society has been consistently on record, for 12 years, against a monarchy in America. The President and the Governing Council (of which I am a member) have consistently declared that an American monarchy is "contrary to our republican principles."

It is true that I am in favor of an American monarchy, but I do not speak for the Society in this. However, the idea that the heir to the Throne of Hawaii is legitimately, or even deservedly, monarch of the United States is utterly ludicrous. In addition to the objection that Hawaii joined the United States -- not the other way around -- such an action would bring a woman to the throne, which is twice as ludicrous as enthroning a scion of the Hawaiian monarchy.

The legitimate monarch of the United States is, of course, the Duke of Windsor, who has never renounced the Throne of America (which did not cease to exist merely because of certain agreements made in 1783). ((I question whether it ever existed. jgk)) Of course, His Grace's death would leave another problem, as he has no heirs. By applying the salic law, however, we easily arrive at the next King, Prince Henry, the Duke of Gloucester.

ED HALLE, P.O. Box 903, Gainesville, Fla. 32601 Maybe we will not hear so much about California Oranges now that a goodly portion of that state has slid back into the Ocean.

A question to Conrad: With California's embargo on fruit coming into the state, did you people grow all those at home? If so, their diminutive size would apparently contradict all Rod has said about the huge California fruit. ((Augh... I printed this last issue!)) ((Conrad's reply appears in the next issue.))

NORMAN McLEOD, 906 Kimberwicke Rd., McLean, Va. 22101 The groane (or organe) situation has, I am glad to say, finally been clarified. One groane stands for 6 destroyers. (Thank you, A. Calhamer and J. McCallum).

To John McCallum: Actually, one is treading upon very infirm ground when one begins to talk about "wild" blueberries, apparently

as compared to cultivated blueberries. No blueberries are cultivated in the usual meaning of the word. In Maine, one simply either does or does not own land on which blueberry bushes grow. The really BIG COMMERCIAL growers (and there are not many) burn the ground every three years, and that, added to praying for rain, is the extent of the cultivation of blueberries.

I have several times been in the area of which you spoke, John, and can, on top of everything else, guarantee that the girls there do NOT bear any resemblance to blueberries. French curves, yes; blueberries, definitely not. ((Yes, but which do you like better?))

Now, to Roddie: I can tell that you are just one of them what has to be told. First of all, of course blueberries stain things badly. This phenomenon is due to the fact that their juice is sufficiently concentrated so as to have flavor and character. Take an orange, and it doesn't stain; of course not. How could it? It is 98.32% water to start with. The crud has to be concentrated before it is usable!

Let me point out, first, that residents of Maine are Mainiacs, not Mainites as reported by poor, borknighted Bill Linden. Let me also point out that the Aroostock valley outproduces L.I. in both quantity and quality and that the reason they are not shipped out is that they would kill anyone except a New Yorker. ((According to)) Stat Re of Agriculture, Maine leads in the production of blueberries with 28,857,000 pounds (1967 figures). The nearest competitor is New Jersey at 18,000 pounds. Washington and Michigan are 'way behind (Washington weighs in at 3,900,000 pounds), along with North Carolina and Massachusetts is not even mentioned as having significant production. I guess, Hal ((Naus)), that any berries growing in Mass. really do grow in abandon, but your letter did not confuse me. Despite Maine's obvious first-place position, those reference works which mention states mention New Jersey, Michigan, Washington, North Carolina -- and then, in passing, throw out "New England." A non-Mainiac would have no idea that Maine was in the running, to say nothing of being in first place.

((The above is condensed from some 10 pages of letters from Norm. Any inconsistencies in thought are probably the fault of the editor, and not the writer. Bye for now... igk))

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